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1. IN ONLY QUASI-OFFICIAL REACTION SO FAR
TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST,
PRAVDA (AUGUST 18) CARRIES A VERY BRIEF REPORT THAT THE
LEBANESE PRESS IS CONDEMNING ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATORS
FOR FOCUSING EXCLUSIVELY ON A SINAI AGREEMENT AND FOR
IGNORING THE EQUALLY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL

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FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, THE STATUS OF THE WEST BANK, AND
THE "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS" OF THE PALESTINIANS.

2. COMMENT.: PEPORTS OF ANY KIND OF SUBSTANCE OF THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN RARE INDEED IN THE SOVIET PRESS DURING PAST WEEKS. THE APPEARANCE OF THIS REPORT ON THE DAY AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP IS THUS UNLIKELY TO HAVE BEEN A COINCIDENCE.

3. THE THRUST OF THE PRAVDA PIECE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE KREMLIN'S PAST INSISTENCE THAT A SINAI DESENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT, AND THE TENOR INDICATES AT LEAST ONE ALTERNATIVE ON HOW MOSCOW MAY DECIDE TO PLAY THE STORY PUBLICLY IF AND WHEN A SECOND STAGE AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

4. APPEARANCE OF THE ARTICLE THUS SEEMS TO SUPPORT OPINION EXPRESSED PARA 2 OF REFTTEL.
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